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Airfields in Bulgaria are classified under the following headings:

- (a) Major airfields: concrete runways, fixed installations including repair shops, gasoline storage facilities and radio stations.
- (b) Minor airfields: dirt runways and mobile installations.
- (c) Auxiliary airfields: not currently in use, emergency landing fields.

NAME	TYPE	LOCATION	REMARKS
Asen	Minor	15km west of Kazanlik	1000m x 1000m. Available for flights in any kind of weather. Five barracks housing 20 men each. Uncovered ditches two meters deep for the storage of gas barrels.
Asenovgrad	Minor		In process of being converted to a major field. Has underground ammunition and gasoline stores.
Aytos	Minor		Not occupied. Used during the German occupation.
Baleic	Minor		Turf. Occupied by the Germans.
Barkovitsa	Auxiliary		
Botevgrad			A minor airfield is being constructed.
Beshurishte	Major	8km NW of Sofia on a RR	About 1000m x 1500m. No concrete runway and the field is muddy when it rains. Red lights are used for night flights. Hangars, gas depot, repair shop, radio, and barracks.
Breznik	Auxiliary		
Buchevtsi	Minor	13km NE of Tergovishte	Installations not known. The field is not occupied.

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Burgas (Sarafovo)	Minor	8km NE of the town in the vicinity of a hill called Magyartepo, between Burgas and Pomorie, north of the road leading to Pomorie	Turf runways. Occupied by the Russians.
Burgas	Minor		Naval airfield. Hangars can accommodate about ten planes. Small buildings for commander's residence and radio station.
Chirpan	Auxiliary	8km west of Chirpan	
Debrich	Minor	4km north of Debrich	Turf. No important installations or buildings.
Delma Mitropelia	Minor	10km NW of Eleven west of the river Vit	Some new hangars are being constructed.
Despat	Minor		Not in use. Used by the Germans during the Greek campaign.
Elhevo	Auxiliary	8km east of Elhevo	Not occupied. No installations.
Plovdiv	Minor		
Gabrevitza			In process of being converted to a major airfield.
Golemo Kenare	Auxiliary	20km NW of Plovdiv on the RR line	
Levski Plovdiv	Major		Sandy but can be used even in bad weather. Six storage tanks with estimated 90 ton capacity each. 17 buildings in all (barracks, meteorological and radio stations). Occupied by Russian forces.
Graf Ignatiyef	Major	12km north of Plovdiv on the RR line	Six hangars with underground gas tanks. A corps of the Seventeenth Soviet Air Army is based here under command of Maj. Gen. Podgorski in Plovdiv.
Harmamli	Auxiliary	8km south of Harmamli	
Maskovo	Auxiliary		One field which is sometimes reported to be located at Rakovski.
Karlovo	Major	6km SE of Karlovo near the village of Marime Pole, just south of Levski airfield with which the Marime Pole field is connected.	Hangars, underground gas depots, repair shops. Occupied by the Russians. In Karlovo there is an aircraft assembly plant.
Kazanlik	Major		1500m x 2000m. Usable in all weather conditions. Eight or ten hangars. Underground depots constructed by the Italians are in the western part of the field. Russian engineers occupy the field assembly shop.

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Kazanlik	Auxiliary		
Kermenli	Auxiliary	On the RR 20km west of Yambol	
Kirdzhali	Auxiliary	10km east of Kirdzhali on the RR line	
Klimentino	Auxiliary	9km north of Plovdiv on the RR line	
Kaishovnik	Auxiliary	12km SE of Haskovo on the RR line	
Krumevo	Minor	8km SE of Plovdiv north of Krumevo	
Kuklen	Minor	14km south of Plovdiv	
Leven	Auxiliary	North of town	
Malevo	Minor	10km SE of Haskovo on the RR line	Constructed by the Germans. Not in use now. May be the same as the field at Kaishovnik.
Manel	Auxiliary	16km NE of Plovdiv on the RR line	
Nestor	Auxiliary		
Novoselsti	Minor	12km east of Sofia at Krivina	
Okep	Minor	7km south of Yambol east of Okep RR station	Used by the Germans. Presently not occupied. Turf runway.
Plovdiv	Major	2km SE of Plovdiv	1000m x 1000m. Turf runway. Four hangars which can accommodate ten fighter planes each. Concrete parking spaces in front of hangars. Some barracks, a hospital, radio and meteorological stations, repair shops and equipment depots. Gas tanks underground. Occupied by the Russians.
Razgrad	Auxiliary		
Saranyovo	Auxiliary		
Shezarevo	Auxiliary	NW of the field at Asen	
Shumen	Minor		Being converted to a major airfield. Turf runways which were used by the Germans.
Sliven	Major	2km outside of Sliven on the east side of the Sliven-Yambol road	Built by the Germans. Seven or eight hangars. Gas stored in the surrounding woods. Occupied by the Russians.
Sliven	Auxiliary	East of Sliven on the road to Burgas	
Sliven	Auxiliary	At the village of Brashna	

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Smolyan	Auxiliary	17km north of Smolyan	
Stara Zagora	Minor	East of Kalyegancove, 4km SE of Stara Zagora	Repaired and improved by the Germans.
Stara Zagora	Auxiliary		
Tatar Pazardzhik	Major		In process of construction.
Telish	Major	25km from Pleven, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of RR station	
Varna	Major	Naval base on south bank of Varna Bay	
Varna	Minor	2km south of Varna on the bank of the canal	Built on former marsh land. Turf runway. One hangar on the bank of the canal. Occupied by the Russians.
Vidin	Auxiliary		
Vratsa	Minor		
Vrazhdebna	Major	11km east of Sofia	About 1500m x 1500m. Concrete runways 30m wide. Also used as a civil air station.
Yambel	Major	5km north of Yambel	2000m x 4000m. Surrounded by barbed wire and anti-aircraft guns on fixed emplacements. Hangars can accommodate 50 fighter aircraft. Underground gas and ammunition de- pots. Hqs. building, radio station, and repair shops. Probably has concrete runways. Field strictly guarded. Occupied by the Russians.

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